On Hitchcock's Kiowa and Comanche Lands Report.

INSPIRED BY AFFIDAVITS

Of Cattlemen Alleging Unfitness for Farming.

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 10.-The Rock Island railroad has taken up the defi-thown down by Secretary Hitchcock in his recent report to the senate that the lands in the Klowa and Comanche country are not fit for agricultural purposes. As is well known the opening of the res ervation has long been earnestly desired by the people of Oklahoma and Delegate Flynn in recognition of this demand incorporated a provision in his statehood bill requiring the opening and settlement of these lands. In opposition to this vement has been the persistent efforts of the cattlemen who naturally oppose the taking away of this rich grazing country, just as they opposed the opening of Okiahoma to settlement ten years ago. Then, as now, the cattlemen controlled the situation at Washington by their representations that the country was only fit for grazing purposes and it was not until the railroad invaded the country that the homesteader who able to secure a hearing. The Rock Island is preparing to build through the Klowa and Comanthe reservation opened to settlement. Secretary Hitchcock, in response to a resolution of the United States sonate, submitted a report that of the 2,100,000 acres of land embrued in the Klowa and Comanche reservations but 79,000 acres are fit for agricultural purposes, and in this report he submits the affidavits of some half dozen men secured through the intervention of Special Agent Pray. In opposition to this report the Rock Island railroad is prepared to show that all of the affidavits submitted are by interseted cattlemen and it will be further shown that as far back as 1862 United States army officers made favorable reports upon the fitness of these lands for agricul-

In 1862 the United States War Departnent sent Colonel R. B. Marcy and Captain (afterward General) McClellan to explore the country. These officers, with their command, came into the country from the east, and the following extract from Colonel Marcy's report begins with the crossing of the present boundary to the Comanche country some thirty miles south of Ft, Sili:

"During our march today we passed a small stream flowing into the Red river. and directly at the point of crossing, in a gully washed out by rains, we found many pieces of copper ore of a very rich quality lying upon the surface.

Cache creek is a stream of considerable magnitude, 150 feet wide, with a currest of four miles per hour, flowing though a valley one wide in width, of rich black alluvium, and bordered by the best timber! have seen wast of the cross

"Soon after we reached the high prairie ridge, upon which we traveled today, we came in sight of the Wichita Mountains some twenty-five or thirty miles to the north, the chain seeming to be made up of a series of detached peaks, running for as the eye can reach. Rising, as The news of the building of the Kingfishnuntains do, upon the naked pratthey form a very striking and pronounced

feature in the topography of the country. "We are encamped tonight near two mountains, about three mues, from the river and about one mile west of the ear a spring of pure water, which rises in the mountains and runs down past our camp. Our road leads along near the Creek valley which is from one to two miles wide. with very productive soil, covered with a dense coating of grass and sidrted with a variety of hard timber.

Our course today was northwest (from head of Otter) until we encountered a feet wide and three feet deep, flowing through a broad, flat valley about two mile wide of a dark alluvial soil, the fertility of which is obvious from the dense vegetation which it supports. Of the next day's travel Colonel Marcy

"Passed along the borders of a swiftsues from springs in the mountains and is filled with a multitude of fish. We also passed near the base of a very prominent and symmetrical mountain, which can be seen for twenty miles upon our route and is a most excellent landmark. Several of so gentlemen ascended this peak with the barometer, and its altitude, as thereby indicated, is 789 feet above the base. Captain McClellan has called this Mt. beter, in honor of our great statesman. the highest degree. They are covered and she will convince the most skeptical." with grasses which our horses gat greed limpid water bursting out from the gran down through the valleys, thereby afford ing at all times a most delicious beverage, presentations of the Wichtin, we would find only bitter and unpalatable water.

opposite the western extremity of the chain of Wichita Mountains.

As we ascend the river, we have conthe entire country was a desolate waste. himself up, claiming self defense, substance. Their statements have proved purposes of the traveler."

nortion with our having found some small plece of accompanying timber. hed of Otter creek, may lead to the disgold was abundant here, and several ex- rived.

cose of making examinations, but the very instance, I believe, compelled them o abandon the enterprise, and return

In 1842, Major Van Dorn was sent to establish a military depot near the Wich-

"I have established the depot on Otter reek. There is a sufficient growth of imber here to build, should it be deemed divisable to do so, the principal species of these trees being walnut, of a large, healthy growth. The creek is the as-semblage of many springs, and the water e clear, limpid and good."

The depot was named Camp Redzimin visible. They are at the point on Otter creek where the survey of the Oklahoma City & Western Railway enters the val-

in 1843, Colonel Henry Dodge visited this region, and Lieutenant Wheelock, who

water abundant, grazing excellent. 1,500 Seet."

fork of Red river and into what is now "We had met with little or no game for everal days, and found most excellent

Wheelock says:

nd squashes."

hus describes the country: "They (Comanche Indian guides) pointto their village at several miles disande, in the midst of one of the most

On October 35, 1858, Major Van Dorn, Emory, of the First Cavalry, says:

"You will find the country on Cache most stittable for a military post. t is heavily timbered with the finest ther for building purposes I have seen n the country. The water is good near he mountains, and the scenery is beau-On November 22, 1858, Daniel G. Major,

the present site of Ft. Sill to Camp Dedziminski, says:

"We pursued a course nearly west and ame close to the base of the Wichita. Mountains, crossing many streams, tributaries of eaver and Cache creeks, in most of which was abundance of good water, whilst the banks were covered with a good growth of timber. Imight may much in favor of the main eaver and "sche creeks-of the fine land, good water as well as timber, the abundance of game and many other advantages."

HAVEN'T HOUSES ENOUGH Kingfisher's Boom Bigger Than the

Town's Present Capacity, Kinglisher, O. T., Feb. 10.—There is a lack of dwelling houses in Kingfisher. ging for it, or without any exertion or from the southeast to the northwest as The Reformer explains the matter thus: ria line by the Rock Island and the work which is being done on the ing from Kansas and other states, seek. ing an opening for investment, Kingfisher at present is pressed for dwelling houses. The ring of the carpenter's hammer and erywhere. Kingfisher is the greatest primany wheat market in the world, and within a few months will be second to none in the territory in point of population and volume of business.

COTTON FACTORY AT SHAWNEE Negotiations Under Way for a \$25,000

Shawnee, O. T., Feb. 10.-The Democrat ays: "Several capitalists in conference with a number of our leading business men last night agreed upon the constructo post about \$25,000. Articles of incorporation are to be filed at an early date. itications of the building. This is one of Shawnee has obtained during her brief pound of rock by panning, with quicksl history. It will be the making of this ent upbuilding of Shawnee. This is only of a pea, one of the many public enterprises that will be established in Shawnee in The valleys lying between many of these near future. If you den't think that mountains have a soil which is arable in Shawnes is progressive, just watch her,

SHOOTING SCRAPE AT NARDIN

out missed and in turn received a ball in ference manifested in relation to it.

Fall of a 700-Pound Bell.

Dr. Shives Appointed.

ita Mountains. In his report to Adjutant In the Wichita Mountains Is General Withers he says: Fully Described.

WILLIAM COOLEY WRITES

skt, and the earthworks are yet plainty Of the Area and Trend of the Great Ore Body.

El Reno, O. T., Feb. 16.-To the editor was charged with the duty of reporting of the Eagle: Old miners have been ask-the department upon the incidents of the ing whether there is mother ledge in the "Country exceedingly beautiful.soil good Wichita mountains, I trust I will not . . be trespassing on your good nature and as follows: of these mountains, from 200 to valuable space to ask you to publish the following article on the great mother After moving westward cross the north lode, and and the great perphary, or car-Greer county, Illeutenant Wheelock con- bonate belt, which cuts its road through the Wichita mountains.

This mineral-bearing rock is situated in fare in the dishes of corn and beans the Kiowa and Comanche reservations. It which they (Toyish Indians) dress with is the great mother lode ledge, or vein, buffalo fat. They served us this liberally of that country of which I will now give and for dessert gave us watermelons and full description. The great mother lode, wild plums. Our men purchased good or carbonate belt, is the feeder of all corn, dried horse mest and buffalo ment." those veins which intersect its ore body. Again, referring to the Indians living Its breadth, at this time, is unknown what is now Greer county, Lieutenant At its eastern point, where it was first discovered by the writer of this article "To our great surprise, we have found it crops out 1,500 feet in breadth, where heae people cultivating quite extensive I have located three claims, running side felds of corn, pumpkins, melons beans by side, for different parties, and all along the vein it crops out very frequently and As Colonel Dodge's command approach- very bold, so that it can be very easily ed the Washim valley, probably about traced. Its course is a little north of west, mildway between Chicakasha and Ana. and south of east, about 10 degrees. Ten Lieutenant Wheelock's journal miles further northwest, on West Otter Creak, it crops out again, very broad, as much as three miles in breadth, where have made several locations, on and about the north and south contacts. The enchanting valleys that human eyes ever rock is the same color as the eastern por-locked upon. The general course of the tion of the vein, where the first discovery alley is from northwest to southeast, was made. The Agate quartrite crops out everal miles in width, with a magnifi- at its eastern and western point; also ent range of mountains rising in the dis- again in the middle, or half-way between

the two points. The vein is about ten miles in breadth writing from Camp Radziminski to Major | from east to west, or as far as my explor ations go on that vein, but there is no reason to conclude that the vein stops there just because we cannot see any croppings on the surface. Natural law, and common sense, combined with experi ence, teaches us that the vein still cor pursuing its natural course for tiful. In addition to all this, it is on hundreds of miles, and doubtless thousands slope of the Wichita Mountains, and ands. But it dips and crops out again many miles apart, and in its course up heaves those high mountains which yo see covered over with great boulders and rocks of all shapes and sizes, they being the cap rock that overlies the great mother ledge. Those white crystalized veins which crop but on this mother lode and run in a southwest and northeas se 80 degrees, will therefore, naturally cut their road through the vein or minera belt in time and become almost vacent, a it were, or, in other words, non-minera bearing, or, again, wil hot pay for work But as long as those veins remain within the limits of the mother ledge, they will doubtless pay. But it must be under od that there are richer spots in some places than in others in the same vein, so don'e deceive yourselves and expect to pick up nuggets of gold on the surface, or in the bowels of the earth, without dig-

Gold don't grow on the surface, but ! after a big flood, where the soll and grave Denver and Gulf, is bringing many new have been washed away and left the faces into town almost daily, and owing to the many persons moving in from the Present, Arizona, showed me a nugget of country and the many constantly com- pure gold, which was worth \$475, which had been picked up after a big wash. It is also found at the grass roots where there is but little soil. I have panned ou five cents to the pan, two shovelsful to the pan, in that way in Montana, at Silve

Bow, near Butte City, that now is. But this is not the mother lode in th Wichita mountains, I will return and explain to my friends and the public all about them. I have no secrets to keep The mother lode lies in a flat or blanke shape. It has never been moved from its natural bed, but in some places it has tion, forming flat prominent points, o ledges, on the margins of small creeks The rocks is of red and brown, porous, or honey-combed, porphgry, with yellow carbonate white crystalized veins cutting tion of a cotton factory. The building is through its great ore body. Free milling ore, gold and silver, copper, lead and zin deposits, are discovered within its limits Watch the Democrat for plans and spec- so far as signs and colors and other indications go, its breadth must be from the greatest self-sustaining elements that five to six miles. My assay from one section of the country and the perman- crystalized brown quartz, amalgan, & size Yours very truly

The old miner. ON THE SMALLPOX SITUATION Kingfisher Free Press Urges Authorities to Act, Authority or No Authority

WM. COOLEY,

Kingfisher, O. T., Feb. 10.—The Free Press, Captain I. V. Admire's paper, this he rocks of the mountains and flowing Saloon and Restaurant Men Have week sizes up the smallpox attuntion and Serious Trouble.

Nardin, O. T., Feb, 10.—At Nardin at 2 be taken, as follows: "So far as the oclock yesterday morning a fight occurred between J. J. Ketchel and Harry the community is concerned, and so far as the curred between the community is concerned, there is no the magnitude of contract makes the ad only bitter and unpalatable water. Wright in which the former was severely occasion—and there has been no occasion—By following up the course of a ra- if not fatally wounded. Ketchel runs a —for alarm. The two or three cases have vine in the side of the gypsum bluffs, saloon and Wright runs a restaurant, been in a mild form, the patients have there were detached pieces of cooper ore. They had had trouble before and the been carefully guarded, and there is no we discovered a vein of this metal, which shooting is supposed to be the result of apprehension of the spread of the disthe old gradge. Just what was the im- ease. Now, these words are carefully mediate cause of the resort to weapons written, and mean just what is said. seen before. At this point wewere nearly yesterday morning we have been unable. There are, however, one or two serious learn. Both of the men had gims and features about the situation. We will it is claimed Kutchel first shot at Wright Say two. The first is the general indifclusive proof of the falsity of the repres- the lower part of his abdomen just over one has seemed to feel any fear and the entations of our visitors, the Wichitas. the groin and another tore the deshy part existence of the disease has really cre-It will be remembered they told us that from his upper left arm. Wright gave used nome re apprecionation than is usually felt when an ordinary run of 2md colds' exists. This is a little unfortu-nate. Smallpox is an ugly disease, and substance. Their statements have proved false in every particular, as we have thus far found the country well watered, the soil good, averywhere yielding an abundance of the most matritious grasses, with the provided and the country will be provided and the country where yielding an abundance of the most matritious grasses, with the docsway of the church and one sufficiency of wood for all the cols sufficiency of wood for all the cols softhe traveler."

only escaped from instant death The Sinr fact that there seems to be no adequate logal memory for the enforcement of nec-Colonel Murcy, on page 19 of "Marcy's says on our timeers than conjugate way and the legal remeily for the encorement of new page. When the latter came thundering down, the re-There are veins of quartz, greensione port of which could be heard three blocks gay that they have no legal authority to and porphy running through the granite away. Russell happened to be the only take any action in regard to this matter similar to those that characterize the one of the boys near at the time, and that fivolves the expediture of a single milar to those that characterize the oldesaring formation of California, New it was his ill linck to be struck across the dottar. They have been appealed to to Mexico and elsewhere. This fact in con-right shoulder by either the bell or a prepare a place for the reception and but the process of enlarging goes right that they have no lawful authority to do move slowly back and forth exceeding up which the following is an extract: covery of important suriferous deposits. Shawner, C. T., Pob. in -Dr. I. S. in other counties notably in Garneld, of coul and clay, eW presume the pro-in these meantwise. Among the borded Shives, of Shawner, has been appointed as were informed that the commission. In these monutaries. Among the borded Shives, of Shawner, has been appeared as were informed that the communities of Fexas and arkanesses an opinion of the local court of pension or took the matter in hand created a long as the company needs ballast, for are great fields of rice, and groves of his commission has are suitable bouse for patients and employed the fire advances as fact as the new commission has are suitable bouse for patients and employed the fire advances as fact as the new commission has are suitable bouse for patients and employed. a physician to take charge of the cases, materials are added."

with the result that the safety of that community has been assured. We believe that authority always rests, with law or without law, with the authorities, to do phatever is necessary for the protection of the health and lives of the community and men who are not willing to take this much responsibility should refuse to hold the official positions in which such authority could only rest. It is outraseous to say that because there is no specially worded statute authorizing it, that, there. fore, no official steps could be taken to prevent the apread of a pestilence in a community of men, women and children. There is common law authority for this. and no man who is afraid to shoulder such a humane and necessary responsi bility should ever pretend to serve the people in an official capacity."

HUMORS OF A SMALLPOX PANIC Oklahoma Contributor Pokes Fun at

Quarantine and Quarantiners. The following is contributed by an Oklahoman who is evidently not at all in a panic regarding the smallpox. He pokes fun at the health authorities in rhyme,

There is now and then a smallpox case In the country 'round about; But our doctor on the board of health Couldn't tell it from the gout. To prove to you these words of mine, (Just for a little fun) I'll tell to you a thing or two Our doctor man has done.

He came across a poor old man With pimples on his face. And swore he had the smallpox, And guarantined the place The man was eighty years of age, And gray as he could be, And said he had those pimples Since the days of "Sixty-three," But, no; it was no use to kick-The doctor knew it well-He knew it was the smallpox-He knew it by the smell.

Just in the edge of town, or as he passed that way he saw The window curtains down A dog had crawled beneath the house (A man who told me vowed) And died, the week before, and now Was smelling pretty loud. The doctor quarantined the house; He said he knew durned well That family had the smallpox-He could tell it by the smell.

He quarantined on right and left Till everything stood still; He quarantined the depot-Would have quarantined the mill, out when they saw him coming

They opened up a flask Of ten-year-old Kentucky rye Result? What need to ask? He took a good old "swig" or two, And sniffed the bottle well, And said: "You have no smallpox here I know it by the smell."

And then he took a trip abroad To magnify his skill, But when he got to Newkirk He surely got his fill. He went to see a patient there Who lay quite sick in bed. And scarcely had he reached the place Till this is what he said:

'Do you know you have the smallpox? Oh, no, you are mistaken, sir." Was the answer of the host. No. I am not," the doctor said, "I need not see the face; know by all the odors here There's smallpox on the place. I'm on the Territorial Board-That honor, sir, is mine. I'll go and get a flag at once And order quarantine,'

Just step this way and see her, sir, Before the case is listed." 'You have the smallpox, sure as fate," He said, and looked so wise. Indeed, I've not," the patient said, With lightning in her eyes.

I know just what you have," said he, In his most pompous tone 'I know you don't," the patient anapped

Just call him Smallpox, if you like But I think it rather bold Before he's one day old."

NEW RAILROAD INDUSTRY Making a Burnt-Clay Ballast to Su percede Crushed Rock

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 10.-Railroad nec lustry in Oklahoma and one which promises future development. The Santa Fe notably, in the past two years has expended many thousands of dollars in hal- locking a door with his hands, 'youit in every liklihood this system will be house," said the captain rather perplexgreat advantage and profit of Oklahoma, wer. 'Well,' shouted the captain, 'G-The new system contemplates the use of d- it. I thought you didn't understand burnt clay instead of crushed rock for a our language." ballast, which is said ti be much better

Times-Journal says: ast. The works burn clay for ballssting rallway tracks, and wast quantities are not an uncommon thing to be stopped by used. It is said to be cheaper and better than crushed rock. When ready for use way they ask for it is by placing their the ballast is a brick color and resembles forefinger in their mouth and biting it,

works quite formidable. The clay is burned in huge pits very much resembling charcoal or coke pits The plant consists of a half mile of side track, a big steam scoop or shovel, an elevator and three or four cars for disbuting coal. The track is laid upon the ground to be used for ballast. Alongside the truck and forty or fifty feet from ! are strung old ties or any other kind o is half a mile long. After the wood is made ready it is covered with alternate and remember the sum is hot. At present layers of clay and slack coal. This process is continued until the kiln is ten fifteen feet high and as wide on top as ratiway construction. The clay is second kiln by means of steam shovels. real is wheeled out over the kills from the cars in wheel-harrows, the cars being provided with gangway which extend ou

"Very soon after the wood is sired the coal also ignites and in a few days slame burst out here and there in small seis. cure of afflicted persons, but the reply is and the steam shore's and the coal cars o. We think this is straining at a guat, the little fixme jets with a fresh envering

Livestock Special From Woodward to be Run.

WILL TAKE A BIG CROWD

Prospects All Brilliant for a They require an immense quantity of wa-Great Meeting.

Woodward, O. T., Feb. 16.-This more ng dawned bright and clear, with a genle wind from the south, insuring a change to more agreeable temperature. The storm which on last Wednesday threatened to injure attendance at the El Reno convention is now a thing of the past, with little or no damage in this part of the country. Superintendent H. Tice of the Santa Fe, has sent down six coaches to Woodward, which will constituta the special leaving here Mondoy morning at 6 o'clock for the round trip to El Reno, returning on the 15th. train will stop at all stations for passengers. East of Kiowa the rate will be one fare for the round trip. The El Reno people have provided ample entertainmen and the town will be gaily decorated for the occasion. Three hundred dollars are hung up in purses for racing and branding contests. Woodward, for the first time, will go visiting, and hopes to bring back the convention here next year.

FLOYD E. WHITE'S LETTER Oklahoma City Boy in the Philippines Sends Home a Good Story

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 10.- Floyd E. White graduate of the Oklaho a fifty bigh school who is now . . e duty as a private soldier in the Philippines, is writing a cribing his experiences in that far eastern country. In his latest letter to E. E. Brown, Private White says:

"Our regiment is strung out from east to west for forty miles in six different towns, the third battalion being stationed if Daugupan. The railroad is completed and now running two trains daily each way, one for the natives and one for the government. That is a good friendly move toward the natives. The engines and cars have peculiarities of their own and the engines are each named after some gen eral here. From their construction the American tramp might find some difficult in procuring his old convenient and famil far places;

"Things are rather quiet in this vicinity but on the south line the pot is boiling There are some forty guns in the next town four miles west and a few insurrectos, and a detachment of as made reconnoisance around a few days ago capturing a captain and a private. The guns had disappeared. Ladrones are comnitting many depredations in the town and these guns belong to them, but the presidente is supposed to be a side parter and uses his efforts to shield them Many of Aggie's "ex-vets" are located in Dagupan, but are keeping quiet, and well

"The natives are not much on sports and amusements at present, cock fighting being about all. The stock is not first water, but the fluff up their feathers and fight anyway. Two are matched and the betting begins, and as each as enough money is up the referee sets them at it in the middle of the street. Each cock has a razor like steel guff on one foot and after one or two slashes one begins to say his prayers with his remaining three gasps. Some are actually cut in two Bets are then paid and another match is effected.

"Nearly every town on the Island has some sort of a band and Dagupan has a good one. They serenaded the officers on Xmas eve with some fine music. Without notes they do all their playing and are par excellence, just natural born musici-

"A good one is told on the captain of K Co. Third infantry, stationed down the railroad. It seems that the captain was desirious of obtaining the key to K Ce storehouse and told the quartermaster sergeant to tell the "hombre" to procure same immediately, but the quartermaster ergeant replied that he 'could not make the natives understand' him and could not talk to them. The captain turned around and emphatically exclaimed, 'Well ities have developed an entirely new in- I can' and approaching the 'hombre' said, 'Hombre, you sake Espanol?' In a mild voice he replied 'Si Senor,' 'Well, he then going through the motions of un lasting its roadbed kith crushed rock, but sabe vamos agui get key to Co. K store impletely revolutionized to the very edly. 'No entiende,' same the quiet ans-

"Before we left the states we heard and much cheaper for the purpose and a how cheap tobacco was here and how big plant is already at work east of Okla- many cigarettes one could buy for one homa City, descriptive of which the cent. I should think so, such as they are. The boys gladly pay ten cents per "The big ballast works east of the city package of ten American than get forty the Robinson place are now in full of the native goods. The natives are learning to chew plug tobacco, and it is one who wishes to 'bum' a chew.

> "Everybody and everything is rapidly ecoming American in manner and dress It is very laughable sometimes to se how they try to dress the dusky ones. American style. They must wear shoe even though they are big enough for two pairs of feet, and from actions they might be walking on eggs. Somehow or other the stocking won't stay up, and

"A few prospectors are coming in town preparing to go into the mountains near There is gold somewhere old may be a great deal, but if a gold fever dry wood in sufficient quantities to ignite breaks out here and in the United States somebody is going to be loser and visi the great kiln. This great pile of wood versa, many will become rich. All who are thinking of it should figure closely as the boto men and ladrones will try

"The rice harvest is on in full blast and all but the lasy once are cutting it and threshing it by hand. Sincer PLOYD E. WHITE,

"Co. L. 13th Int." THINGS ONE WANTS TO KNOW John Bradley in His Letter From the

Philippines, Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 18.—The Kinglishe Free Press publishes a letter from John Bradley, a soldler boy in the Philippines, to his father, dated January 2, from country is either very flat or very mounand hamboo. Besides rice, a great deal of | Swan, Guthrie.

ugar cane, coffee and hemp is raised. sugar cane, conee and nemp is raised.

In some places two crops of rice is raised each year, the fields being flooded during the dry season by irrigation. There is a town every three or four miles. As a rule the only building of any size are the burches and convents, the rest of the own consisting of hamboo huts.

"The natives of this island are smaller than the Americans; they are of a very dark color, have thick lins and very much resemble negroes, but they have

"The native horses are very small and are used mostly for riding. The caribon or water buffalo takes the place of the horse. These animals are comethink like our common Oklahoma cattle, only they

"It is the dry season now and the reads are getting in good condition.
"The mail came in day before yester fay and I received five letters and some newspapers. I was very glad to hear from home. The Christmas presents sent to the boys by express have not been resived yet. The nearest express office is in Manila and it will be some time beore we get our Christmas boxes."

PACKING HOUSE PROPOSITION Is Engaging the Attention of Oklahoma City's Business Men.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Fab. 11 -The

Myerson, Krey & Co., of St. Louis, have made Oklahoma City a proposition to to put in a packing plant, providing the commercial club procure for them & propre site. There are several sites which these parties when they were here before signified would do for a packing house, and of course the people of the city will hot for a peaceable citizen. While the be expected to purchase the site and do- law against carrying concealed weapons nate it to the packing house company.

These gentlemen, who are well known ackers, visited the city several months ago, and were so favorably impresses that they determined to locate a packing house here providing the matter could be arranged. A letter from them to the city club statest hat they will be here in a few days to close up the transaction The plant will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000 or \$200,000. Work on the plant will begin as soon as all the preliminary arrangements are closed.

As a field for a packing house this point is an excellent location. Hogs can be raised here cheaper than in a colder climate, as they can feed on the growing wheat and alfalfa all the winter. packing house would stimulate the raising of hogs and catle so that it would bean immense industry and support the institution. The plant will employ large number of men, which would add greatly to the growth of the city.

CITIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE Supreme Court Finds for the City of

Norman in the Negro Case. Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 10.—In the case of J. Wallace, an Oklahoma City contractor, agains the city of Norman fo \$25,000 damages the decision of the lower court in sustaining a demurrer to Wallace's petition has been confirmed by the supreme court. Wallace, therefore, car ollect no damages. In July, 1898, Wallace went to Norman to put a tin roof on a building. He took with him a negro, George Rogan, as helper. The people of Norman are prejudiced against allowing negroes to live or work in the town and have succeeded in keeping negroes away. A mob assaulted Rogan to drive him our Wallace interfered and both he and the negro were badly beaten - Wallace's skull was fractured and the sight of one eydestroyed. He brought suft against the town government for personal and other damages in the sum of \$25,660, on the ground that the town was responsible for not compelling its officers to protect him. The syllabus in the case, written by Judge Irwin, says: "A municipal corporation is bound by the acts of its officers only when within the charter or scope of their power. Acts outside of the powers of the corporation or of the officer appointed to act for it, are void as respects the corporation, and such corporation is not liable therefor."

LAND LEASE DECISION Judge Townsend Says Improvements

Must be Paid for Ardmore, O. T., Feb. 10.—The Ard-morite says that the first decision in the famous land lease cases was ann today. It will be remembered that since have been filed in the United States courts. The suits were the result of the act of congress known as the Curtis bill, which specifies that all land and grazing The Indians were the plaintiffs in this They wanted to get possession of the land in order to take their allotments. The suit decided today will in a large

masure settle many pending suits. Judge Townsend held, in the case of Finch v. Sulder, wherein Finch sued for cossession of land that the section of the Curtis act which provides that where val. uable and permanent improvements have seen made the defendant may hold the and until the improvements are paid for is not in conflict with the section that ary 1. The plaintiffs relied on the ter-

mination of leases. The case was referred to the master to detremine the value of the improvements and report on them. Thousands of leans holders today will be pleased at them the right to receive the benefits of helr improvements by holding the land. The opinion to the first to be announced by any court in the territory,

WOULDN'T TELL THEIR NAMES ness for the company to to be Charokes, Horsethief Constable Haines Mortally Wounded Showed Such Pinck

day nightfive horses belonging to Mo-She-To-Mote, an Osago Indian, were north of Hominy Post in the Otage reset ration. Wiley Haines, the constable, folawed them down about fourteen miles to the anotheast, where he came upon two stolen horses tied near them. Haines called on the outlawe to surrender, but instead, they made a pass to draw their guns, whereupon Haines commenced firing. killing one man instantly and badly wounding the other. The wounded man ived for about an hour, after which he, on, filed. The wounded rooter was perfeetly aware of his condition, but would partner. This makes twice this summer preschief business has been prospering n the Orage country for some time, but f it pans out like the last deal it is probable that there will be a diminution of the umber of thefts in the future

Anti-Saloon League Officers

Gurbrie, O. T., Feb. 25-At the regritor at Oklahema City the following officers were elected; President, Tipton Cox. Hen. Kinley, Guthele: superintendent, R. E.

Oklahoman Who Had to Submit to be Bulldozed

DOWN THAR IN KAINTUCK

Says He'd Like to See Them Try It in Oklahoma-

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 10.-The Kingdisher

Free Press this week has a story of the experience of a Kinglisher county Oklaoman who hung out a Republican sign in Louisville during the last state campaign: "George M. Sears, of Excelsion township, was in town Monday. George an old Kentuckian to the manner and bred. His home was in Whitley county. He was personally acquainted with Goebel and others of the principal scions in the recent trouble in that state, His brother-in-law is chief of police in Corbin, Kentucky, and is now on duty, under the order of overnor Taylor, at Frankfort. George knew Colonel Stanford, whom Goebel had previously killed, quite well, and he thinks the killing was premediated and deliberately pianned He says Kentucky politics is entirely too is stringent, every man of standing goes constantly armed, and disagreements are generally settled in a summary manner. George tells about his vielt home during the last national campaign. He was in Louisville the day Bryan spoke there. His uncle had put a Taylor badge in the buttonhole of his coat. When he got in a street car be found it crowded with Goobel Democrats, and one of them saw his Taylor badge, tore it from his cost, and threw it with an oath into the street, and thratened to lick him for wearing i George says, being alone, and not teeling a very deep personal interest in the elsetion, he did not care to get in a row, and and, in order to keep out, the made prefuse explanations, assuring the hot-head-ed Democratwho had tackled him that his having the badge was an accident, that he was not a citizen of Kentucky, and if left alone would start on his return to Oklahoma by the next day's trule George says a man who would undertake e tear his Republican badge off here in Okishoma would have some trouble, but s knew there wasn't much show for him in that carload of Goebel Democrats to

COTTON GOOD IN ITS PLAC Oklahoma Experiment Report on the Crop's Value.

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 16.-The Oklahoma gricultural experiment station has conducted an inquiry concerning the cotton rop in parts of Noble, Lincoln, Logan and Payne counties. Eighty farmers in these counties were interviewed and the emits of their experience and observation with this crop have been summar-ized. Ten per cent of this number regard the growing of cotton as unprofitable The average area devoted to cotton was fifteen acres, and the yield during the fall of 1800 varied from 500 to 800 pounds seed cotton, per acre. This cotton was sold for \$1.00 to \$2.30 per hundred pounds with an estimated profit of \$5 to \$16 per The yields this year were about two-thirds of what were secured in 1998 but the difference in price made profit per acre about the same. Many farmers regard the crop as one which is des can do but deplore the fact that cotton picking frequently keeps the obfidren our of school. Sandy or sandy form solls strong belief in the value of manure or otton soils. The time of planting varies from April 15 to May 15 with no true able effect on yield from difference in chapped to one stalk, each if inches with own three to three and a half feet apart. The average number of cultivations given was three, with preference about equally divided between level and ridge culture The advanture of thorough shallow cultivation and clean culture was noted by many. The average number of pickings given was three. It is the general opinion that the growing of a limited amount of cotton will prove continuously profit able. This crop has its place in the great diversification of crops possible here, and there seems to be no tendency toward making the great mistake of go

NEW RAILWAY CHARTER FILED Oklahoms and Southern to Build

Gothrie, O. T., Feb. 10.-Another new ratirond company, the Ohlahoma and Southern, has filed its charter with Secretary Jenkins. Its length is estimated at 60 miles. It will begin at Klowa, Kan. and pass through Woods. Garfield, Blatne, Kingfisher, Lugan, Canadian, Oklahoma, Payne and Lincoln counties. Its certmated cost is \$5,000,000, and the castock in placed at \$4,990,000. The board of lower H. A. Wagner, Gensha, Neb ; T. J. Brockway, Augusta, O. T.; A. and J. R. Standels, Acthony, Kan.; J. O. Titos, Jefferson, O. T. The place of bost-

STREETS TO BE PAVED Bizckwell City Council Passes Im

provement Ordinance. Blackwell, O. T., Pele, th.-The city suncil has passed an ordinance to pave Blackwell avenue and Main street and work is to begin right away. The Times-

"The first cost to the property owner will be pretty heavy, but when the work is completed, if properly done, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he wint have to contribute to the general expense perpetually trying to make those streets passable out of dirt, and the additional and greater satisfaction of knowing that his customer can drive up to his front door in rainy commons, without the the mud that is generally present after

Wanted at Ponca City. Popes City, O. T., Feb. 28 -Jim Austi-and Jeff Bracy, the negroes arrested to

Texas last week who are wanted here for grand larneny, will not be brought here for a while yet us there is a charac of the Texas courts will try them first.

Garber, O. T., Fish 15. The relephon-stit to Garber this week and the reve-now has connection with the month world. Garber will now look out for rafi-